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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Cancelled)

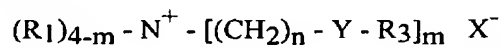
15. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a soft tissue paper product, said method comprising the steps of soft tissue paper product comprising:

- a) providing one or more plies of a tissue paper; and
- b) depositing a chemical softening composition ~~deposited~~ on at least one outer surface of said tissue, said chemical softening composition comprising:
 - i) a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;
 - ii) an electrolyte;
 - iii) a high molecular weight polymer emulsion comprising:
 - A) from about 20% to about 40% by weight of the premix of a high molecular weight polymer;
 - B) from about 40% to about 60% of water; and
 - C) from about 20% to about 40% of an organic solvent; and
 - iv) a vehicle in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed;
- c) applying said composition onto the tissue paper while the tissue paper is semi-dry.

16. (Currently Amended) The method ~~tissue paper~~ according to Claim 15 wherein the chemical softening composition is deposited onto the paper as a spray.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~tissue paper~~ of Claim 15 wherein said chemical softening composition is deposited as uniform, discrete surface deposits, spaced apart at a frequency between about 5 areas per lineal inch and about 100 areas per lineal inch.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~tissue paper~~ of Claim 15 wherein softening active ingredient is a quaternary ammonium compound having the formula:



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wherein Y is -O-(O)C-, or -C(O)-O-, or -NH-C(O)-, or -C(O)-NH-;

m is 1 to 3; n is 0 to 4; each R₁ is a C₁-C₆ alkyl or alkenyl group, hydroxyalkyl group, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl group, alkoxyated group, benzyl group, or mixtures thereof;

each R₃ is a C₁₃-C₂₁ alkyl or alkenyl group, hydroxyalkyl group, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl group, alkoxyated group, benzyl group, or mixtures thereof; and

X⁻ is any softener-compatible anion.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~tissue paper~~ of Claim 18 wherein the softening composition comprises:
- a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;
 - an electrolyte;
 - from about 0.0005% to about 0.01% of a high molecular weight polymer; and
 - a vehicle in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed.
20. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~tissue paper~~ of Claim 18 wherein the softening composition comprises:
- from about 25% to about 45% by weight of a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;
 - from about 0.0005% to about 0.2% by weight of a high molecular weight polymer delivered to the composition in the form of an emulsion comprising the high molecular weight polymer, water and an organic solvent.
 - from about 5% to about 50% by weight of a plasticizer;
 - from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of an electrolyte; and
 - a vehicle consisting of water, in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed.
21. (New) The method of Claim 15 wherein said semi-dry tissue paper is selected from the group consisting of: tissue paper on the Fourdrinier cloth, drying fabric, Yankee dryer, and combinations thereof.